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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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SUBJECT:

Congressman Mazzoli's Request For Agency Views

on H.R. 5805

- Attached for your information is a letter from Congressman Mazzoli, Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) Subcommittee on Legislation requesting the views of this Agency on H.R. 5805. The Chairman has requested our views by 20 July 1984.
- 2. H.R. 5805, which was previously provided to you under separate cover, extends federal health benefit plan eligibility to former spouses of certain Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) personnel and would provide annuities under certain circumstances to former CIA spouses who were not covered by the CIA Spouses' Retirement Equity Act of 1982.
- 3. So that we will have adequate time to obtain Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance, please provide this Office with your views on this legislation by 13 July 1984

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June 12, 1984

The Honorable William J. Casey Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Director Casey:

The Subcommittee on Legislation of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence will soon be considering H.R. 5805, legislation to provide benefits for former spouses of certain CIA personnel. The legislation would extend federal health benefit plan eligibility to these former spouses and would provide annuities in certain circumstances to former CIA spouses who did not benefit from enactment of the Central Intelligence Agency Spouses' Retirement Equity Act of 1982 (P.L. 97-269, Title VI).

To assist the Subcommittee in its consideration of this legislation, we would appreciate receiving your written views on H.R. 5805 by July 20, 1984. I have also requested the views of the Director of the Office of Personnel Management on the bill.

We look forward to working with the Central Intelligence Agency on this legislation.

Romano L. Mazzoli

Chairman

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98TH CONGRESS H. R. 5805

To amend the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement Act of 1964 for Certain Employees to provide essential benefits to certain former spouses not eligible for any benefits under that Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 7, 1984

Mr. MAZZOLI (for himself and Mr. WHITEHURST) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

A BILL

To amend the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement Act of 1964 for Certain Employees to provide essential benefits to certain former spouses not eligible for any benefits under that Act, and for other purposes.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 That (a) part C of title II of the Central Intelligence Agency
- 4 Retirement Act of 1964 for Certain Employees is amended
- 5 by adding at the end thereof the following new section:
- 6 "BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN OTHER FORMER SPOUSES
- 7 "Sec. 224. (a) Any individual who was a former spouse
- 8 of a participant or former participant in the Central Intelli-

.1 g	ence Agency Retirement and Disability System on Novem-
	er 15, 1982, and for whom no election is made (whether
	pefore, on, or after the date of the enactment of this section)
	by such participant or former participant under section 223 of
	this Act, is entitled to an annuity, payable from the fund.
	equal to the amount of the annuity then currently payable to
	an individual under section 523(c) of the Foreign Relations
	Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 1977 (90 Stat. 847).
9	"(b) A former spouse shall not be qualified for an annu-
10	ity under this section if, before such annuity commences, such
11	former spouse remarries before becoming 60 years of age.
12	"(c)(1) An annuity payable to a former spouse under this
13	section—
14	"(A) shall commence—
15	"(i) in the case of a former spouse of a par-
16	ticipant or former participant who is deceased or
17	who has retired under the Central Intelligence
18	Agency Retirement and Disability System as of
19	the date of the enactment of this section, begin-
20	ning on the 120th day after such date; and
21	"(ii) in the case of any other former spouse,
25	beginning on the later of—
2	"(I) the date that such participant or
2	former participant dies or so retires, which-
2	5 ever occurs first; or

1	"(II) the 120th day after the date of the
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3	"(B) shall terminate on the last day of the month
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5	attaining age 60.
6	"(2) If a former spouse is not entitled to an annuity
7	under this section because of remarriage, or if an annuity
8	under this section is terminated because of remarriage, such
9	annuity shall commence or be restored (as the case may be)
10	commencing on the date such remarriage is terminated.
11	"(3) A former spouse to whom a lump-sum payment has
12	been paid under section 234 or section 241 of this Act shall
13	not be entitled to an annuity under this section unless the
14	former spouse returns such payment to the fund.
15	"(4) An annuity under this subsection—
16	"(A) shall not be payable unless appropriate writ-
17	ten application is provided to the Director, complete
18	with any supporting documentation which the Director
19	may by regulation require; and
20	"(B) shall not be payable with respect to any
21	period commencing before such application is so
22	provided.
23	"(d) The Director shall—
24	"(1) as soon as possible, but not later than 120
25	days after the date of the enactment of this section

1 prescribe such regulations as may be necessary	
2 carry out this section; and	
3 "(2) to the maximum extent practicable, and as	
4 soon as possible, inform each individual who was a	
5 former spouse on November 15, 1982, of any rights	
6 which such individual may have under this section.".	
7 (b) Section 14(a) of the Central Intelligence Agency Act	<u>;</u>
8 of 1949 (50 U.S.C. 403n) is amended by inserting "224,"	,
9 after "222, 223,".	
SEC. 2. The Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949	•
11 (50 U.S.C. 403a-n) is amended by adding at the end a new	V
12 section as follows:	
13 "HEALTH BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN FORMER SPOUSES OF	
14 EMPLOYEES	
"Sec. 15. (a)(1) Except as provided in subsection (c)(1),
16 any individual—	
17 "(A) married to an employee or former employee	ee
of the Agency, whose marriage is dissolved by divor-	ce
or annulment;	
20 "(B) who, immediately before the divorce or a	n-
nulment becomes final, is covered under a health ber	ıe-
fits plan as a member of the family of such employ	ree
or former employee; and	
24 "(C) who was married to such employee for	not
less than 10 years during periods of service by su	uch
employee with the Agency, at least five years of what Approved For Release 2008/09/19: CIA-RDP86B00338R000300450026-	iich -4

•	were spent outside the United States by both the em-
3	ployee and the former spouse,
;	s is eligible for coverage under a health benefits plan in accord-
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5	"(2) An individual described in paragraph (1) (hereafter
6	in this section referred to as a 'former spouse') may enroll in
7	remarkable to m subparagraph (D) of such paragraph
8	(for self alone or for self and family, as the individual may
9	under this paragraph elect) if, before the expiration of the 31-
10	day period beginning on the date the divorce or annulment
11	becomes final, and in accordance with such procedures as the
12	Director of the Office of Personnel Management shall by reg-
13	ulation prescribe, the former spouse—
14	"(A) files an election for such enrollment; and
15	"(B) arranges to pay currently into the Em-
16	ployees Health Benefits Fund (under section 8909 of
17	title 5, United States Code) an amount equal to the
18	sum of the employee and agency contributions payable
19	in the case of an employee enrolled under chapter 89
20	of such title in the same health benefits plan and with
21	the same level of benefits.
22	"(3) The Director of the Office of Personnel Manage-
23	ment shall, by regulation, establish procedures designed to
24	provide timely notice to all employees and former employees

•	of the Agency emoned in a nearth benefits plan of the right of
2	election under this subsection.
3	"(4) The Director of the Office of Personnel Manage-
4	ment may waive the 31-day limitation set forth in paragraph
5	(2) in any case in which such Director determines that the
6	circumstances so warrant.
7	"(b)(1) Except as provided in subsection (c)(1), any indi-
8	vidual who becomes a former spouse on or before the date of
9	enactment of this section may enroll in a health benefits plan
10	for self alone or for self and family if, before the expiration of
11	the 6-month period beginning on such date of enactment, and
12	in accordance with such procedures as the Director of the
13	Office of Personnel Management shall by regulation pre-
14	scribe, such individual—
15	"(A) files an election for such enrollment; and
16	"(B) arranges to make payments as described in
17	subsection (a)(2)(B).
18	"(2) The Director of Central Intelligence shall, as soon
19	as possible, take all steps practicable—
20	"(A) to determine the identity and current address
21	of each former spouse to whom paragraph (1) applies;
22	and
23	"(B) to notify each such former spouse of that in-
24	dividual's rights under this section, which notification
25	shall be by mail, notice in newspapers of general circu-

- lation, or such other method or combination of methods 1
- 2 the Director of Central Intelligence considers
- 3 appropriate.
- "(3) The Director of the Office of Personnel Manage-4
- ment, upon notification by the Director of Central Intelli-
- gence, shall waive the 6-month limitation set forth in para-
- graph (1) in any case in which the Director of Central Intelli-
- gence determines that the circumstances so warrant.
- "(c)(1) Any former spouse who remarries before age 60 9
- is not eligible to make an election under subsection (a) or (b).
- "(2) Any former spouse enrolled in a health benefits 11
- plan pursuant to an election under subsection (a) or (b) may
- continue the enrollment under the conditions of eligibility 13
- which the Director of the Office of Personnel Management
- shall by regulation prescribe, except that any former spouse
- who remarries before age 60 shall not be eligible for contin-
- ued enrollment under this section after the end of the 31-day
- period beginning on the date of remarriage.
- "(d) Nothing in this section allows any individual to be 19
- covered under more than one enrollment under chapter 89 of
- title 5, United States Code. 21
- 22 "(e) For purposes of this section the term 'health bene-
- fits plan' means an approved health benefits plan under chap-
- ter 89 of title 5, United States Code.".